



## ***MassGrown and Fresher News – Holiday Time***



Eat & shop local this holiday season. It's easier than you think with 40 + [winter farmers' markets](#) opening up across the



Commonwealth and a handful of holiday markets where you can find handcrafted items and decorations made by local artisans to complete your gift giving. Many local [greenhouses](#) offer an array of poinsettias, greenery, and seasonal flowers perfect for holiday decorating.

Enjoy the season with fresh, local goods from farmers across Massachusetts. Share your favorite winter farmers' market with us at [Twitter@Massgrown](#).

If you're looking for some extra festive fun, [find a Christmas tree farm](#) near you to cut your own tree! Some offer hayrides, cider, and more. These farms not only provide seasonal jobs for a number of Massachusetts families — [they help the environment, too](#). Studies show that just one acre of 8 to 12-year-old trees removes 500 pounds of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and contributes 1,000 pounds of oxygen each year.



The 2016 Massachusetts Agriculture Calendar is coming soon! Each year, winning photographs are selected that showcase agriculture and horticulture across the Commonwealth. They are produced in collaboration with MA Ag in the Classroom, MA

Dept. of Agricultural Resources, and the MA Farm to School Project. Place your order [here](#). They make great holiday gifts.

While you can find a complete list of seasonal events on the [MassGrown and Fresher calendar](#), here is a sample of what's happening across Massachusetts:

- **Boston** — Dec. 12 – 13 — [12<sup>th</sup> Annual SOWA Holiday Market](#)
- **Rutland** — Dec. 12–13 — [Holiday Open House & Living Gift Market](#), Heifer Farm
- **Dover** — Dec. 15 — [Handmade Bath & Body Gifts Workshop](#), Powisett Farm
- **Salem** — Dec. 19 — [Salem Winter Farmers' Market](#), Pedestrian Mall
- **Boston** — Dec. 19 — [Healthy Holiday Treats](#) (for the kids!), The Boston Public Market Kitchen
- **Great Barrington** — Dec. 19 — [Berkshire Grown Holiday Farmers' Market](#), Monument Valley Regional Middle School
- **Williamstown** — Dec. 20 — [Berkshire Grown Holiday Farmers' Market](#), Williams College
- **West Chatham** — Dec. 20 — [Chatham Holiday Farmers' Market](#), Local Color Gallery
- **Beverly** — Dec. 21 — [Beverly Holiday Farmers' Market](#), Cove Community Center

With you all best wishes for a joyous season and a very happy New Year.

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